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During the quarter, the Executive Committee began preparations for the 1987 MUFON Symposium in Washington, D.C. Arrangements are being made to hold the symposium at the American University in Northwest Washington. The symposium will have a double theme: "UFO sightings: an international phenomenon" and "What have we learned in 40 years?" The Executive Committee will invite a number of speakers from other countries, including Canada, Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Italy, etc. It is hoped that the major portion of the conference will involve international speakers. In order to assure that speakers from different countries can attend, the Fund is attempting to raise as much as \$20,000 to help defray their travel costs. This is a formidable task, for which we will need all the help we can get. However, we think it will be worth the effort, if we can gather an international array of talent in the UFO field for the "40th anniversary of UFOs." Needless to say, if we should happen to raise more money than needed for the symposium, it will be used for research projects.

The conference also will review the past 40 years of ufology by means of invited lectures and contributed papers. The idea of having contributed papers is a new concept for MUFON symposia. The first call for papers is enclosed in this Quarterly Report.

Also during this quarter, the Executive Committee voted to make an award of \$250 to be presented at the 1986 MUFON Symposium.

The proposal by Frances Graham was discussed in the last Quarterly Report. Mr. Graham, a doctoral student in astronomy, proposed to study photographs of the moon in order to fully elucidate--and probably refute--claims that have been made in several books that satellite photos have shown alien artifacts on the moon. The Executive Committee voted to contribute \$1,000 of Mr. Graham's requested \$1,900 and wrote to the Committee for Scientific Investigation into Claims of the Paranormal (an organization of self-avowed skeptics), suggesting that CSICOP provide the remaining \$900. CSICOP turned down the suggestion, apparently on the recommendation of James Oberg, and the Fund informed Mr. Graham of CSICOP's decision. Mr. Graham subsequently informed the Executive Committee that he will proceed with his planned investigation, even though it is not fully funded.

During this quarter, Dr. Maccabee appeared on a noontime Cable News Network program in a brief debate with Philip Klass. He also gave a lecture at the Martin Luther King Library in Washington, D.C. Articles featuring Dr. Maccabee appeared in OMNI magazine in May and June; his comments on a UFO landing

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location were presented in the May issue in an article that revealed the winner of the OMNI UFO landing contest, which was announced last fall, and a very brief discussion of his "black hole" sighting was presented in the June issue. (The "Black Hole" sighting was more fully discussed in the May 1985 issue of the MUFON Journal.)

A new publication is now available: Jean-Jacques Velasco's presentation to the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) in April 1986. Velasco is the head of the French investigating group called GEPAN (Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena Study Group) that is part of the French National Space Center. Mr. Velasco's paper includes a brief discussion of the "Contini" case. Included in this package is a reprint of MUFON's translation of the original report of the GEPAN investigation of that case.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2nd Quarter 1986

TOTAL ASSETS

<u>End of 1st Quarter 1986</u>	<u>End of 2nd Quarter 1986</u>
Checking Account.....\$1,255.10.....	\$2,425.10
Undeposited..... 847.04.....	394.15
Savings & Loan..... 1,310.93.....	1,331.67
Dreyfus Account..... 1,206.20.....	1,229.88
	<u>\$5,380.80</u>
	(+\$761.53)

Expenditures

Research/Investigation....\$1,162.83(x)
Printing..... 809.50
Mailing Services..... 619.83
Postage..... 109.49
Supplies..... 50.24
<u>\$2,751.85</u>

Income

Sales.....\$2,715.00
Donations..... 754.00(y)
Dreyfus (apprec) 23.68
S&L (interest).. <u>20.74</u>
<u>\$3,513.42</u>
(+\$761.53)

(x) Includes \$500 initial payment on lunar artifact study by F. Graham and \$662.83 to S. Friedman for Government cover-up investigations.

(y) Includes \$620 for the Rapid Deployment Fund to help ensure prompt investigation of potentially significant new reports that promise to yield solid information.

Note: Later this year, a new contributors' bonus plan will go into effect. For all payments to the Fund over the first \$25 in a calendar year, you will receive a bonus certificate of \$1 for every \$10 you have sent us. The certificates may be applied toward purchase of any documents or publications we offer, now or in the future. Your contributions and publications orders are our life blood, and this is our way of thanking you for your support.